

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ALEX
AZAR

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Alex Azar, 80, of Salisbury, MD. He is remembered as a brilliant and devoted physician, passionate for his family and community.

Born May 4, 1939, in Johnstown, PA Dr. Azar graduated from Westmont Hilltop High School in 1957. He attended University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown for three years before accepting early admission to Pitt's Medical School where he graduated magna cum laude in 1964. He was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, an Honor Medical Society membership I shared with him, as well as Phi Beta Kappa.

After interning at Conemaugh Valley Memorial Hospital, he served as a Captain in the US Army Medical Corps at Fort Bliss, TX from 1965–1966. He eventually completed a preventive medicine and ophthalmology residencies at the Ohio State University.

In 1976, Dr. Azar joined Dr. Robert Dickey in practicing ophthalmology in Salisbury. Over the course of 40 years, he founded both the Peninsula Eye Center and the Azar Eye Institute. He discovered several new and innovative eye surgical techniques and ophthalmology care to several communities on the peninsula across southern MD and DE.

He was noted for his devotion to his patients, never denying care because of a patient's inability to pay. He often made house calls in the evening, even performing eye surgery on a patient in a rocking chair on his porch on Smith Island.

As part-time faculty of the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University, he was voted most outstanding part-time professor in ophthalmology in 2011 and 2012. In 2015, he received the prestigious Arnall Patz Fellowship Award through the local Lions Club and the Wilmer Institute for his contributions to the field of ophthalmology.

In 1996, Governor Schaeffer appointed Dr. Azar as the first and only physician member on the five member MD Health Care Access and Cost Containment Commission. He held various state and county medical society leadership positions, including President of MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society.

An active member of his community, Dr. Azar served on the Board of Directors of the local YMCA, the Board of the Three Lower Counties, the Center for a Healthy Maryland, the local Humane Society, as treasurer of the Camp Horizon Board of Directors, and as an officer of the Greater Salisbury Committee. He was also a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Wicomico Lodge #91, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and the Scottish Rite.

I am honored to acknowledge the legacy of a fellow caregiver and community servant. I join his family and community today in celebration and memory of his lifetime of meaningful contributions to humanity.

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HONORING BENTON, ARKANSAS

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize the City of Benton, Arkansas, for the healing and hope promised as part of their Wall of Prayer in the city's downtown.

Benton Mayor Tom Farmer has constructed a lattice wall for residents to share their prayer requests on while preparing for the National Day of Prayer, May 7.

This initiative reflects that many of Benton's residents are looking for opportunities to maintain their sense of community during the current public health crisis due to COVID-19 while at the same time staying safe by following social distancing guidelines.

Residents are encouraged to hang a prayer written on a piece of cloth on the wall, and each day at noon until May 7, faith leaders will pray over the wall uniting in the shared experience.

While they are there, they can further show support for their community by taking a picture with the nearby "I Love Benton" sign.

I congratulate Mayor Farmer and the City of Benton for this creative way to come together and pray for our community, and I look forward to joining in prayer for this strong community on May 7.

RECOGNIZING SWEDISHAMERICAN HOSPITAL FOR SHARING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT WITH THE ROCKFORD COMMUNITY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor SwedishAmerican Hospital for its kindness and generosity in sharing personal protective equipment with at least 15 long-term care and rehabilitation facilities in Rockford, Illinois. The hospital recognized a need in the community and decided to use their resources to step up.

SwedishAmerican Hospital has received numerous donations in the past two weeks, allowing it to share gloves, hair nets, masks, Lysol wipes and other items. When other facilities were running low on supplies and did not have the capacity to organize and accept donations themselves, SwedishAmerican Hospital stepped in and helped ensure that supplies were delivered. For more than a century, this hospital has been serving the Rockford

community in many ways. The people working at SwedishAmerican Hospital are Hometown Heroes for all they do to serve patients and their community.

It is because of community leaders such as SwedishAmerican Hospital that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize SwedishAmerican Hospital for identifying the need in the Rockford community and filling that need.

AMERICA'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP DURING COVID-19

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, government and public health officials in the U.S. have started grappling with how to reopen the economy amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Much of this discussion has understandably focused on what we need to do here in the U.S. such as drastically expanding testing capacity and hiring additional personnel to conduct a massive amount of contact tracing. For us to be prepared to prevent outbreaks here at home, however, we also have to think beyond our borders.

The reality of infectious diseases like COVID-19 is that outbreaks anywhere in the world threaten transmission here in the U.S. The pandemic has upended countries in almost every corner of the world, but the impact on developing countries will be especially devastating. Not only do these countries already have low-resourced health systems but many are facing other challenges caused by conflict, climate change, droughts, migration and displacement. Their ability to prevent, contain, and respond to outbreaks is severely limited, making assistance from the international community critical.

While the prevalence of COVID-19 in most developing countries remains unknown due to limited testing, the impact of the crisis is already taking its toll. The economic fallout from the pandemic will hit vulnerable populations the hardest; hundreds of millions of people could be pushed into poverty. The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization has warned of a looming food crisis caused by significant strains on the global food supply chain. By the end of this year, the number of people on the brink of starvation around the world could double.

In the short-term, the U.S. must bring significant investments in emergency economic and humanitarian relief to the table. The potential for drastic increases in poverty and widespread famine will foster further instability and displacement. Progress in developing countries to reduce conflict, increase economic opportunity, and promote good governance will be set back. Providing immediate additional resources to combat COVID-19 in other countries will not only alleviate the humanitarian

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crisis and reduce its potential destabilizing impacts, but it will also help prevent new outbreaks here in the U.S.

In the long run, the work to prevent future outbreaks and combat the next pandemic is never-ending. The investments we make today in global health and development will help determine our ability to prevent and combat future outbreaks. For decades, unfortunately, this work has been underfunded. We have to increase our funding for global health security to strengthen health systems in developing countries so they are better prepared to contain diseases and prevent outbreaks. Investments in development and economic assistance, global health, and humanitarian relief are also vital for countries to improve their outbreak response and recovery. Efforts to cut these programs and gut key agencies such as USAID, the State Department, and the CDC are short-sighted and harm the long-term health and economic wellbeing of the U.S.

In the coming months and years, a lot of attention will be given to questions around how the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded and how we prevent and better mitigate future outbreaks. We must use this opportunity to reinforce the value of U.S. global leadership and make the case for strengthened investments in global health and development. If anything, the COVID-19 pandemic has been a stark reminder that these investments are critical to protecting the health, economic, and security interests of the U.S.

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL
(ICC)

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Building Safety Month and the men and women of the International Code Council (ICC) for their dedication to public safety.

Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and its partners to remind the public about the role our code officials' play in ensuring safe, efficient, and livable buildings. The theme this year is "Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World," and encourages all of us to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry.

The International Code Council brings together local, state and federal officials to develop an international standard to protect us in the buildings we live, work, and play in. Those standards are then implemented year-round by building safety officials, architects, engineers, and laborers to ensure the safe construction of buildings.

Building and fire prevention departments are essential to the U.S. response to the coronavirus pandemic by protecting the health and welfare of building occupants. They enforce regulations requiring sanitation of hospitals, plumbing systems, and adequate facilities for handwashing. They inspect existing infrastructure, including plumbing, mechanical, ancillary, and fire safety systems to verify safe maintenance.

With natural disasters increasing in frequency and severity, building codes include important safeguards to protect the public from snowstorms, tornadoes, and earthquakes. In April of this year, the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) found adopting modern building codes saves \$11 for every \$1 invested. This means fewer casualties, property damage, business interruptions, and insurance costs.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking the International Code Council Board President and Chief Building Officer for Thornton, Colorado, Greg Wheeler, ICC's Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, ICC's members and staff, and ICC's partners in the construction and design community across the country as we all recognize Building Safety Month.

HEROES IN THE WUHAN VIRUS
PANDEMIC

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in the midst of the National Emergency being successfully faced by President Donald Trump and Vice President MIKE PENCE, there have been so many citizens stepping forward to help fellow neighbors in need. I am grateful to recognize heroes who are making a difference.

Journalist Kara Gormley Meador has initiated highlighting innovative citizens efforts to address the Wuhan Virus with former S.C. Revenue Director Burnie Maybank of the Nexsen-Pruett Law Firm, there is free streaming at www.buzzpodcast.com. The first conversation was with President Lou Kennedy of Nephron Pharmaceutical where she explained retooling her operation almost overnight to respond to the virus. She has been welcomed to the WVOC Radio in the Midlands with Gary David and Christopher Thompson.

Dale Hatchell and Elizabeth Burt of Lexington have organized Support a Nurse to provide "Light of Love" care kits to nurses on the front lines. These kits are donations of nutritional and immunity products with a support message helping the Dorn Veterans Administration Hospital, Lexington and Prisma hospitals, and Department of Juvenile Justice.

Talk radio host Kevin Cohen has been relentlessly providing important updates for the Midlands of South Carolina, fulfilling his goals on The Point promoting charities and local events.

Halsey Cook, Chief Executive Officer of Milliken & Company of Spartanburg is continuing the visionary tradition of the late Roger Milliken. Milliken & Company of Spartanburg is developing the manufacturing process for a new nanofiber with antiviral properties in cooperation with retired Colonel David Lobb of Aiken and Ascend Materials of Florida.

Scott Gottlieb of the American Enterprise Institute in The Wall Street Journal (April 12) has thoughtfully presented a plan to reopen the economy for jobs with companies diagnosing coronavirus cases in the workplace. He understands healthy citizens need a healthy economy.

Ambassador Andre Haspel of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has thoughtfully forwarded

encouragement to members of the Congressional Caucus of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The alliance of the Netherlands and the United States is strong and appreciated to defeat the Wuhan Virus.

General Milford Beagle, Commander of Fort Jackson, with Army Chief of Staff Major General James McConville have been pro-active to protect the lives of new recruits and the dedicated personnel at Fort Jackson. The installation trains nearly 50 percent of all Soldiers and more than 60 percent of all women entering the Army each year.

Cecil Staton, President and CEO of the Asian American Hotel Owners of America, with Vice President Chirag Shah have worked tirelessly to promote the gruesomely impacted hospitality industry. AAHOA is the largest hotel owner's association in the world with 20,000 members owning half of hotels in America.

Walgreens Drug Stores with the dedicated staff in West Columbia is appreciated for featuring "Thanks to our frontline heroes." On Saturday, first responders, law enforcement, doctors and nurses will receive 30 percent off Walgreens brands and 20 percent off other brands. Drug stores, grocery stores, convenience stores and grocery stores, truckers, and other essential enterprises have been vital service for communities.

RECOGNIZING LESLIE WILLIAMS
FOR SEEING A NEED IN THE MO-
LINE COMMUNITY AND MAKING
OVER 1,200 MASKS FOR ANYONE
WHO NEEDS ONE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Leslie Williams for recognizing a need in Moline, Illinois for protective masks and making over 1,200 of them for police, firefighters and all who need them.

Leslie is currently out of work as a server and owner of a cleaning company; but is using her time to help others by creating masks during the COVID-19 pandemic. The masks are meant to go to first responders, front liners and all who need them. She says there is always something we can do to help others and that mentality is why she is a Hometown Hero. Leslie is using her forced time off to do good in the world and in her community. I commend Leslie for her efforts to help others and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

It is because of leaders such as Leslie Williams that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Leslie Williams for her generosity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOGNIZING THE FISCAL IMPACT
OF THE CORONAVIRUS PAN-
DEMIC ON THE TOWN OF SCOTCH
PLAINS, NEW JERSEY

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the devastating impact the

coronavirus pandemic continues to have on the Town of Scotch Plains, New Jersey and many local governments throughout my district and the country. The coronavirus has decimated local revenues and increased costs and only Congress can provide a lifeline to small towns through direct and flexible funding.

Scotch Plains is a 9 square mile town of about 24,000 people. It has a medium-sized downtown of about 200 small businesses with an additional 100 businesses spread throughout other commercial corridors of our town. The town is in the process of planning a revitalization of the downtown in conjunction with providing affordable housing. The town has a Aaa bond rating and the budget is lean.

The coronavirus has hit Scotch Plains hard. As a result of the State's stay at home order, just about all the small businesses are closed, and the businesses that remain open for take-out/curbside pickup are barely surviving. Very few of the businesses received assistance from the first round of the CARES Act due to their small size and lack of credit history with banks. A Scotch Plains Business Resource Group comprised of volunteers and concerned citizens has been formed to assist the small businesses community navigate the various federal and state assistance programs. Attached is my four-point plan to assist those businesses that can remain open during the stay at home executive orders.

Similarly, the town residents have been hit hard. Many of them have been furloughed from their jobs or forced to work at home at reduced hours. The closure of the schools has added additional difficulty for our residents to manage children as well as maintain employment. It is difficult to gage the percentage of residents who have been economically adversely affected, but it appears to be substantial.

The township budget has been introduced on April 21, 2020 with a reduction in forecasted nonproperty tax revenue and a reduction in expense. However, the big unknown is the ability of our residents to continue to pay property taxes given the adverse effects of the corona virus on the economy.

Under State law, the township must first fund the schools, counties and then the municipality. For 2020, the township has an obligation to fund the schools and the county at \$69.5 million and \$22.7 million, respectively. The municipal budget is \$26 million.

With a total obligation to raise \$109 million in property taxes, a 5 percent loss in the collection of these taxes would be almost \$5.5 million dollars with the responsibility of the municipality to pay the county and school taxes first. Therefore, the municipal budget would have a 21 percent deficit leading to a significant reduction of municipal services and municipal staff. A 10 percent loss in property tax revenue would lead to an \$11 million loss or a 42 percent reduction in municipal funds, severely impacting the municipal government's ability to deliver essential town services.

Given the current economic situations, estimates of 5 to 10 percent loss in property tax collection are probable. In addition, state aid of approximately \$2 million is potentially being deferred from August to as late as December of 2020.

The township's ability to secure short term bonds to cover these types of potential revenue shortfalls would be non-existent. Only the federal government has the capacity to

help states and local governments of all sizes from falling off the above described budgetary cliff. Therefore, I strongly urge you to include in any future Coronavirus relief package my bill, H.R. 6467, which would provide \$250 billion in stabilization funds to localities with populations lower than 500,000.

RECOGNIZING KRISTA WYNES FOR CREATING HEARTS HUNTERS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Krista Wynes for her efforts with the group she created called Heart Hunters, which encourages parents and children to create hearts to display in their windows to encourage personal connection even while social distancing. The group was started on March 21st and now has over 580,000 members worldwide.

Ms. Wynes is married to Dave Wynes and is the mother of two children, Lincoln and Harrison, and lives in Galesburg, Illinois. She works as an ophthalmic technician in Peoria, and created the group on Facebook to reach out to neighbors while staying home and social distancing. Heart Hunters reminds people throughout different towns, states and nations that we are all in this together and none of us are alone. I commend Ms. Wynes on her work to bring people together in these rough times. She has shown kindness, resilience, and community building.

It is because of leaders such as Ms. Wynes that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Krista Wynes for her work to bring people together through her Facebook group, Heart Hunters.

HONORING DR. PHILIP L. DUBOIS FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Philip L. Dubois for 20 years of service, including 15 years as Chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. As a proud 49er myself, I have seen his extraordinary leadership firsthand and know how much he means to students, faculty and staff.

When I was Student Body President, Dr. Dubois was a mentor and has since become a friend. He began his academic career in 1976 at the University of California, Davis and retires after over two decades of combined service to UNC Charlotte. After being appointed Chancellor in 2005, he immediately began the important work that would one day transform both our institution and the surrounding community.

A titan among his peers in higher education, Dr. Dubois led UNC Charlotte through a time of unprecedented growth. He is credited with

the construction of UNC Charlotte Center City, the Energy Production and Infrastructure Center (EPIC), and industry collaborative PORTAL. Dr. Dubois' efforts to build the University's visibility and enrich the student experience led to the implementation of the football program in 2013 and a historic partnership with the City of Charlotte to bring light rail to campus.

Exemplary of Dr. Dubois' commitment to academic excellence, he spearheaded initiatives that saw the University make significant strides in endowment, research awards, enrollment, and graduation rates. In the past 15 years, UNC Charlotte awarded over 92,000 degrees and offered 36 new academic programs to students across the globe.

The greatest test to Dr. Dubois' leadership came on what he described as our University's "darkest day." On April 30, 2019, two students were killed and four others wounded in a shooting in a classroom on campus. Dr. Dubois' courage, strength, and his humanity led a brokenhearted student body, faculty, and community through the pain and the grief.

Renee and I would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Dubois for his years of exemplary service at UNC Charlotte. I know I speak for all of Niner Nation in wishing he and his wife Lisa continued success and happiness as they move on to their next great adventure.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Dr. Philip L. Dubois upon his retirement as Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. WILLIAM P. DIGGS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man of faith and a true community servant. Rev. Dr. William P. Diggs, Sr. Dr. Diggs transitioned in Florence, South Carolina on April 25, 2020. Although he is no longer with us in person, his legacy lives on through his tremendous work.

William Diggs, Sr. was born in Columbia, South Carolina and grew up in Rock Hill. He earned his bachelor's degree from Morehouse College and a Master's from Atlanta University. He found his calling in the ministry and earned a Master of Divinity from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

He began his career in his hometown of Rock Hill, where he served as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Friendship Junior College. While there, he helped students organize a sit-in that launched the Jail No Bail movement in 1960.

In 1962, Rev. Dr. Diggs joined Trinity Baptist Church in Florence, South Carolina, where he served as head pastor for 50 years before retiring in 2012. He left his imprint on the church through several initiatives. Under his supervision, the church parsonage was completed in 1964, the church property was expanded, and many additions and improvements were made to the complex over his tenure. He also added a fully accredited preschool and chartered a federal credit union.

Beyond the church's physical plant, Rev. Dr. Diggs also oversaw the purchase of commercial property that provide business opportunities in the community like barber and beauty shops and a restaurant.

During his time as a faith leader, he also served in many secular capacities. He taught at Benedict College in Columbia and Morris College in Sumter. Rev. Dr. Diggs also served as President of the Florence Branch of the NAACP and was a powerful voice for social justice. He was a calming presence during the 1975 riots that erupted in Florence after a police officer shot a black man during a traffic stop.

Rev. Dr. Diggs served as a board member of Friendship, Benedict and Morris colleges, Morehouse School of Religion, the Interdenominational Theological Center, Nannie Helen Burroughs School, the Greater Florence Habitat for Humanity, and the Florence Mayor's Human Relations Committee.

He was awarded the state's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Palmetto. In addition, he was named to the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame and was recognized in the South Carolina African American History Calendar.

Rev. Dr. Diggs was married to the former, Clotilda Daniels, and the couple has two adult children, William, Jr. and Mary Lynn, who managed my campaign for South Carolina Secretary of State. They have one grandson, William, III.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. William P. Diggs, Sr. I considered him both a political and religious mentor, who taught us all "to do justly, be merciful and walk humbly" as instructed in Micah 6:8. He will be sorely missed.

FAYLENN DENNY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Faylenn Denny for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Faylenn Denny is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Faylenn Denny is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Faylenn Denny for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING KYLE TUNINK FOR HIS WIN AT CLASS 1A STATE FINALS FOR WRESTLING AT THE IHSA STATE TOURNAMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kyle Tunink, a senior from Newman Central Catholic High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament in the 152 pound weight class.

To claim the state title, Kyle defeated his opponent in a 5-1 victory. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Kyle displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Kyle is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic, and I am proud to see him represent Sterling so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Kyle Tunink that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Kyle Tunink on his Class 1A State Finals title in Wrestling.

AMERICA'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP DURING COVID-19

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, on the Foreign Affairs Committee, we know that so many critical national security threats require a global, coordinated response. We know that we're stronger when we work with our international partners to face challenges head-on. And we know that the United States has a vital global leadership role to during international crises.

Today, those principles should guide our response to this pandemic. The rapid spread of COVID-19—an infectious disease that knows no borders—has presented us with unprecedented challenge and heartbreak. We need a path forward for the United States and countries around the world to get on the road toward rebuilding and recovery.

More than 50,000 Americans have died from coronavirus. It's painfully clear that the Administration should have done more to prepare for this pandemic and protect our citizens. There is so much more we have to do to keep Americans safe and our communities healthy moving forward. We need more testing. We need to support our doctors and nurses. We need to help those who provide our food and those who keep us safe. But, we simply can't do those things effectively if we bury our heads in the sand and wall ourselves off from the rest of the world.

Our world is interconnected. Fighting the coronavirus for America means making sure other countries can effectively fight the pandemic, as well. The United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres summed it up well: "We are only as strong as the weakest health system in our interconnected world."

That's why the Trump Administration's decision to cut funding for the World Health Organization is so counterproductive. The WHO plays a vital role in supporting and enforcing international health regulations, educating the public, and strengthening the ability of health systems—particularly those in the developing world—to prevent, detect, and respond to outbreaks. This is precisely the time that we need the WHO most. Instead, the Administration is stopping all our funding—just like shutting down the fire department in the middle of a blaze.

Retreating from global health institutions at this time only makes it harder for us to combat COVID-19, putting our national security and American lives at risk. When America pulls away from the world, others will fill the void. China is already providing relief and support to countries now on the brink of their own crises—particularly in Africa and the developing world. And, Beijing pledged an additional \$30 million to the WHO just as Trump suspended American funds to the world body. The United States must act to preserve the critical development gains we helped drive, from basic education to access to clean water to free and fair elections.

If we want to see the world recover in a way that strengthens our economy, national security, and environment—in a way that promotes and preserves the values of freedom and democracy which we hold dear—in a way that raises up impoverished people—we need to lead it in that direction. Now is the time for American global leadership. Now is the time to recognize our interconnected world and work with our partners to save lives in countries near and far. Now is the time to move forward for America and the world.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF NANCY ANN KINCADE WILLIAMS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Nancy Ann Kincaide Williams, who passed away on April 26th at the age of 78.

Nancy Ann, born in 1941, grew up in the Mississippi Delta and graduated from Clarksdale High School in 1959. After high school, she spent one year at the Mississippi University for Women before transferring to the University of Mississippi. After graduating from the University of Mississippi she began working as a teacher until she received her ultimate calling of being a loving and dedicated mother to her four children.

As a member of the First United Methodist Church, Nancy Ann was very active teaching bible study and serving as a youth leader. She was also a very active member of her community volunteering in the Fin de Siecle Club, Garden Club, and Junior Auxiliary. Nancy Ann's life of service and giving back to others also included serving as a homeroom mother, a scout leader, and a swim team coach.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 57 years, Kenneth Weaver Williams, her four children, her brother, and 15 grandchildren, as well as many friends and family members. Nancy Ann's life was one of service, grace, love for her family, and community.

She will be greatly missed by all whom she encountered.

AIKO PRINDAVONG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

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RECOGNIZING JAKOBS BROTHERS FARMS FOR ORGANIZING FARMERS TO DONATE GRAIN IN EXCHANGE FOR DONATIONS TO AREA FOOD BANKS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jakobs Brothers Farms for its efforts in combating hunger in our district during our state and nation's time of need. This family farm is encouraging other farms to donate grains to local grain bins in exchange for donations to local food pantries.

Organized by Jakobs Brothers Farms, grain donations from area farmers are being converted into supplies for local food pantries to help others during the coronavirus pandemic. At bins and elevators throughout Northern Illinois, Rock River Lumber and Grain, F/S Grain, and Gold Star F/S are taking grain donations, and in return donating the cost to local food pantries. I commend Jakobs Brothers Farms for creating this way to help those most in need, and I am proud of all of the work they are doing. I appreciate all they are doing to help local communities.

It is because of leaders such as Jakobs Brothers Farms that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Jakobs Brothers Farms for their kindness and generosity.

RECOGNIZING MALLORY PREDDY

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize Mallory Preddy, an employee at the Boston Mountain Rural Health Center in Clinton, AR, for her extraordinary work during this public health crisis.

Mallory usually serves as a dental hygienist at the clinic, but when the public health crisis began, she volunteered to learn how to screen patients at the front door of the clinic.

She later began screening patients for possible need of COVID-19 testing and is now serving as a runner, transporting samples from the testing tent to the lab for packaging.

Her supervisor wrote the following. "[Mallory] has readily volunteered for anything that we needed her to do. Some people just stand out in times of crisis and Mallory has been one of those people."

Mallory has stepped up to the plate for our nation during this time, taking on duties outside of her job description and putting herself in harm's way to help the people in her community.

I thank Mallory for her dedication to protecting the health of Arkansans during this time. She, and Frontline workers like her, are vital to us overcoming COVID-19 as a nation.

RECOGNIZING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the devastating impact the coronavirus pandemic continues to have on the Town of Phillipsburg, New Jersey and many local governments throughout my district and the country. The coronavirus has decimated local revenues and increased costs and only Congress can provide a lifeline to small towns through direct and flexible funding.

I learned recently from the joint press release from our office, that Warren County has been left out of the \$82,202,575 in Federal funding awarded to the State of New Jersey from the stimulus package passed by both the Congress and the Senate to help states fight the Coronavirus Pandemic. We were one of only four NJ counties to have received no funds.

I have received numerous calls from residents over the last few weeks as to why we did not receive any funding, and as the Mayor of Phillipsburg, I have no answers. This federal aid is to help all communities and evidently Warren County was not included. This Pandemic did not pick and choose, and neither should the government on who should receive funding. Everyone should be helped in this time of need.

Phillipsburg is a small rural community in Warren County, New Jersey and just like every other community across our great State we are all facing the same challenges due to

this outbreak. Every city, town or borough is dealing with the crisis in their own way because no two communities are the same however we are all facing the same obstacles that need to be overcome. This crisis will not only affect what is happening in 2020 but also will affect the Town's ability to budget in future years especially in 2021. We believe that next year's budget may be more adversely affected than the 2020 budget. Most if not all revenue collections will be down and must be adjusted and accounted for. The revenues that Town's collected in 2019 cannot be guaranteed to collect the same amount in 2020 thus creating a shortfall and unfortunately those shortfalls will carry over to the 2021 budget.

To compensate for the decreased revenues Towns must for other ways to make up for lost revenue such as using more from surplus if they have the ability or probably more likely and most unfortunately look to reduce services or staff. Laying off an employee who works and lives in the municipality is one of the hardest decisions any City or Town must make. Although we hope the layoffs won't be permeant, in looking to future budgets no one can guarantee that it won't be. Cutting services such as not opening a municipal pool, golf courses or campgrounds, canceling recreational activities such as summer sports or day camps and canceling Town celebrations, concerts, festivals, fairs and carnivals can lead to a sense of depression that is felt all over Town.

For many of our residents this may be the only entertainment or activities they get each summer and in a moment in time where we must look to raise our resident's spirits, we seem only to be offering disappointing and heartbreaking news. Again, the lost revenues from these activities are crushing to a municipal budget who count on these activities. Although we all hope these are temporary cancellations, done with the best interest of our residents in mind to keep them safe, it would be nice if we didn't have to do it at all. The federal government is under a lot of pressure right now to try to help an entire nation, we just ask that the local governments who are also under the same amount of pressure cannot be and must not be left out and forgotten. The stimulus money the federal government can offer will go a long way to ensure the local governments can still meet all the needs of our community.

IN MEMORY OF LUCILLE JANE SOLTYSIK

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Lucille Jane Soltysik. On the morning of Sunday, April 19, 2020, Lucille of Mountain Home, Arkansas passed away at the age of 70 years old. She was born on May 20, 1949 in Joliet, Illinois. She was married to Roger Soltysik. She moved from Illinois to Arkansas in 1998. She served on the Oakland-Promise Land Volunteer Fire Department from 2000-2019, where she served as the Fire Chief. She also served her community by being on the Baxter County

Quorum Court Justice of the Peace from 2012 through 2020. She was Past President of the Baxter County Women Republican Committee and also a long time member of the Baxter County Republican Committee.

She was devoted to her community by volunteering at Hospice, Meals on Wheels, PLACO, and she taught food preservation. She was an avid gardener, cook and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a hard worker and nobody would out work her. Arkansas is better because of people like Lucille. I ask my colleagues to keep Lucille's friends and family in their prayers.

CONGRATULATING PHOENIX
BLAKELY FOR HIS WIN AT
CLASS 1A STATE FINALS FOR
WRESTLING AT THE IHSA STATE
TOURNAMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phoenix Blakely, a freshman from Dakota High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament in the 120 pound weight class.

Phoenix is 37–7 and now a state champion. He previously competed in three straight Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation title matches where he placed second, but he was determined to win first at the high school state tournament. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Phoenix displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Phoenix is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic, and I am proud to see him represent Dakota so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Phoenix Blakely that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Phoenix Blakely on his Class 1A State Finals title in Wrestling.

HONORING BIRTH-DAY

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me and members of Concerned Families in Southern Oregon in recognizing "Birth-Day" on the first day of every May. Since 2012, the Birth-Day Project has motivated concerned adults to make an impact on their local public and private schools by visiting students and celebrating all their birthdays with ice cream sundaes and recreational activities. Nearly 10,000 Americans celebrated Birth-Day last year, including several of the inaugural members in Grants Pass, OR who first recognized Birth-Day as 4th graders nine years ago. In fact, the Birth-Day Project has been so significant for students and their communities that a similar group in the State of New York, Young Life Manhattan, now cele-

brates Birth-Day in schools throughout the Bronx.

However, this May students that would be wrapping up their school year or graduating at school, are instead learning from home and practicing social distancing in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although many students and adults may feel disheartened at missing this year's Birth-Day celebration while at school, I ask that they keep in mind the sentiment of honoring the birth and life of their fellow community members. As the Coronavirus continues to impact our daily lives, we must turn to our American values to reinvigorate our fortitude as well as our own faith in each other during this crisis. The Birth-Day Project seeks to bring out the best in us by valuing compassion, community, and service to others.

Once again, I hope my colleagues will join me today, Friday, May 1st in building community connectedness all over our great country and celebrating the birthdays of young Americans who deserve some cheer and support during these trying times. I would personally like to wish a happy Birth-Day to all the Oregon students who cannot celebrate at school this year. We are all in this together.

HONORING THE IOWA NATIONAL GUARD AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me, in honor of National Military Appreciation Month, in recognizing the nearly one thousand members of Iowa's National Guard that are helping our state fight COVID-19 as our Iowans of the Week.

Over 800 soldiers and airmen with Iowa's National Guard have been called to state active duty to help combat COVID-19. They're delivering personal protective equipment to our Frontline health workers and county emergency management facilities. They're helping our food banks package and deliver food to Iowans in need. And they're helping our state complete COVID-19 testing through the new "Test Iowa" program, a critical step to charting a pathway to safely reopening Iowa through a data-driven understanding of the spread of the virus in Iowa.

Members of the Guard like Specialist Janet Fonseca and Private First Class Cesar Galvan—a husband and wife from Marshalltown—have stepped up and helped their fellow Iowans in the face of these unprecedented times. Our Iowa National Guard are citizen soldiers—meaning they have to balance everyday demands with their responsibilities of service to our nation. Even soon-to-be and new parents, like Guardsman Mark Williams, are balancing the needs of their families and the demands of serving during this pandemic.

In the past few weeks, members of our National Guard have worked early mornings and long days, helping to deliver personal protective equipment to over 88 counties in Iowa to keep our health care workers and emergency response professionals safe.

They've also helped to repackage and sort food at our food banks—ensuring Iowans in need during this pandemic do not go hungry.

I'm proud to represent Camp Dodge, the headquarters of the Iowa National Guard, in Johnston, Iowa. I'm proud of the strong servant leadership I've seen in Colonel John Perkins, serving with the Army Guard, and Brigadier General Shawn Ford, serving with the Air Guard. These brave men and women who are now called to serve are taking time away from their regular jobs and their families to help support our citizens—and they deserve the thanks of a grateful state.

Our National Guard members now serving may be known to their neighbors only as members of the local church or an employee at a local business—their regular lives before this pandemic that gave no indication of their commitment to serve. But in times of crisis, we know we can count on them—for this is hardly the first time they've been called to help.

Last year, when Iowa was reeling from devastating flooding in the southwest part of our state, it was members of our National Guard who stepped up to help crippled communities get back on their feet.

And so, in recognition of National Military Appreciation Month, I'm proud to honor the brave and dedicated men and women of the Iowa National Guard for their critical help to our emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I ask everyone to join me in thanking the Iowans serving our country both here and around the world as members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Their commitment to our nation and to protecting our citizens—in the face of enemies both seen and unseen—is not forgotten in these unique and challenging times.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CORNELIUS LEVI KNOWLES

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Cornelius Levi Knowles;

Whereas, "Corky," as he was affectionally known to his friends and family, was born in Hallandale, Florida to Melbourne and Albertha Knowles on January 20, 1928, and graduated from Dorsey High School with bold aspirations in 1946;

Whereas, after working hard and saving money, Cornelius moved to Washington D.C. to attend Howard University, overcoming racial prejudices, working nightly at the post office, and obtaining his undergraduate degree, he graduated from the Howard University College of Dentistry second in his class;

Whereas, Cornelius had a distinguished career—serving as a clinical instructor at Howard University before moving to Chicago to open his own practice and serving as an examiner for both the Northeast Regional Board of Dentistry and the Illinois State Board of Dentistry;

Whereas, his distinguished career, Cornelius was a loving husband to Althea, the love of his life. Together they were active community members supporting countless charities and treating everyone they met like family for nearly 60 years;

Whereas, Cornelius will be remembered by friends as the life of the party, always having

a joke ready to lighten the mood, even if the reactions to his own jokes were funnier than the jokes themselves;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the House of Representatives of the United States of America, That the life and legacy of Cornelius "Corky" Levi Knowles, who peacefully passed away on April 24th, 2020, be remembered and honored.

CONGRATULATING BRYCE
FAWORSKI FOR HIS WIN AT
CLASS 1A STATE FINALS FOR
WRESTLING AT THE IHSA STATE
TOURNAMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bryce Faworski, a senior from Winnebago High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament in the 160 pound weight class.

Bryce went a perfect 4–0 at the state tournament to complete a 39–1 record on the season. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Bryce displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Bryce is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic, and I am proud to see him represent Winnebago so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Bryce Faworski that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Bryce Faworski on his Class 1A State Finals title in Wrestling.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES WOOD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of James Wood. Well-known in North Texas, he was businessman, veteran, and philanthropist.

Mr. Wood was born on November 4, 1937, in Decatur, Texas and grew up the youngest of five children. After graduating high school in 1956, he left his Wise County hometown and went to work in a shipyard on the Harvey Canal in Louisiana. After a short time working in Louisiana, he entered the U.S. Army, serving his country for three years. Upon his honorable discharge from the military, Mr. Wood went to work at Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth.

He decided to try his hand at selling cars just like his father. Mr. Wood became manager of Cocanougher Ford in Bridgeport. For a decade, with his wife Shirley, they successfully operated Tanwood Motor Sales in Decatur before taking over the General Motors dealership.

In 1989, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Woods, James Wood Motors became the largest GMC truck dealer in the United States. During the next decade, their dealership was

the top GMC dealership in Texas. James Wood Motors built a new facility in 1989 and became Wise County's full-line General Motors.

The Woods expanded their geographic footprint and vehicle offerings by purchasing a Buick/GMC dealership in Denton. James Wood Motors added Pontiac, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Jeep, Eagle and Mazda to their dealership portfolio and created the James Wood AutoPark by 1994 in Denton. The Woods family currently owns General Motors dealerships in Decatur and Denton, a Hyundai dealership in Decatur, as well as Neighborhood Used Car dealerships with multiple North Texas locations.

Mr. Wood was recognized for his many contributions to the community as Decatur's "Citizen of the Year" in 1989. In addition, he was elected to the GM Presidents Dealer Advisory Council in 1987 and served as a board member of the Wise Health System for ten years. He was instrumental in founding the Champions and Blue Ribbon Club for the Wise County Youth Fair and due to his time and efforts in support of the Fort Worth Stock Show, he was elected to the Stock Show Board of Directors.

While a very successful business owner and community philanthropist, Mr. Wood was also an avid farmer and rancher and dedicated family man. He enjoyed cutting horses and raising cattle but most importantly, spending time with his wife of sixty years, Shirley, and their three children: daughter Janetta, son Raymond and late son Josh, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

James Wood was a respected business and community leader and a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends to whom I extend my sincere condolences.

ABIGAIL TROESTLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Abigail Troestler for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Abigail Troestler is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Abigail Troestler is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Abigail Troestler for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF HAROLD REID, A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE STATLER BROTHERS

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the passing of Harold Reid on April 24, 2020, and to honor his legacy of commitment to family, community, and music.

Harold Reid was born August 21, 1939, the son of Sidney Boxley Reid and Mary France Craun. He married Brenda Lee Armstrong and together they raised daughters Kim, Karmen, Kodi, Kasey, and son Wil. He is survived by Brenda, their children and spouses, and ten grandchildren.

Harold Reid loved his family, entertaining, and the small-town they call "home"—Staunton, Virginia. Together with high school friends, Harold formed the Four Star Quartet, debuting as gospel singers, who were welcomed in churches across the Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County area. They performed for high school dances and other local events before winning the 1955 Kiwanis Amateur Talent Show in Staunton, earning a live performance on a Richmond television station.

By 1960, the group's membership changed, and Don Reid joined his brother in the group which became known as The Kingsmen. They played for the Miss Virginia Pageant and earned a contract to appear regularly on a regional television station. In 1962, they opted to change their performing name again, becoming The Statler Brothers.

Histories of the renowned Statler Brothers credit Harold Reid with the vision and charisma that encouraged the quartet to continue their musical performances. His deep bass voice undergirded wonderful harmonies when the quartet was on stage. His sense of humor kept audiences engaged and his fellow bandmates upbeat through long hours of road travel.

It was Harold Reid who approached another country music legend, Johnny Cash, following Cash's performance in Roanoke, Virginia. Harold reportedly told Johnny that he should hear the quartet sing. A few days later, the Statler Brothers opened for Johnny Cash for shows in Berryville, Virginia. The Statler Brothers became a part of Cash's roadshow on March 1, 1964. Fans of country music will recall where that road led.

The Statler Brothers earned their first hit the following year with "Flowers on the Wall." The group released more than 50 albums. They won three Grammys, nine Country Music Association Awards, six International Country Music Awards, and numerous Music City News Awards. The Statler Brothers Show ran on The Nashville Network from 1991 to 1998. "Flowers on the Wall" garnered renewed interest when the lyrics were included in the movie "Pulp Fiction" (1994). In 1996, a Harris Poll ranking America's favorite singers listed the group as second to Frank Sinatra and ahead of many other singers across various genres. The Statler Brothers have been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame (2007) and the Country Music Hall of Fame (2008). The group performed for over 40 years.

Harold Reid and the Statler Brothers never forgot their small-town roots. Harold was a co-

founder of Happy Birthday USA. Annually for 25 years, the Statler Brothers would invite country music friends to join them onstage in Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park to celebrate the Fourth of July with family and neighbors. The events drew thousands of people to celebrate America's Independence and picnic while listening to country music artists and the on-stage banter of Harold Reid.

The Statler Brothers, whose members at the time included Harold and Don Reid, Phil Balsley, and Jimmy Fortune, retired from performing in 2002. Members wanted to return home to spend time with family. In retirement, it was not unusual to see Harold along with Brenda and their family at various events around town.

Young men from small-town America who enjoyed singing, the Statler Brothers became world famous, bringing laughter and tears to their fans over the long course of their musical career. Retired, the Statler Brothers continued to encourage young performers and to celebrate America and small-town community life. Wilson Fairchild, the country duo of Wil Reid and Langston Reid, have stepped onto the musical stage and picked up the mantle of celebrating the Fourth of July in Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park by hosting Happy Birthday America.

Harold Reid created a lasting impression on all those who met him, on the fans that he entertained over four decades, on country music as a songwriter, and on the community where he remained rooted. It is with appreciation for a life well-lived that these words about Harold Reid's achievements are submitted for the RECORD. May his family and friends find solace in knowing the esteem with which we uphold the memory of Harold Reid.

RECOGNIZING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON THE TOWN OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the devastating impact the coronavirus pandemic continues to have on the Town of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey and many local governments throughout my district and the country. The corona virus has decimated local revenues and increased costs and only Congress can provide a lifeline to small towns through direct and flexible funding.

With a population of just under 13,500, the Township of Berkeley Heights in Union County, New Jersey has been hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. We have witnessed 129 cases to date with 21 deaths and residents testing positive every day, adding to our overall caseload.

Our local budget is set to be introduced before the state's extended deadline of April 28th while our second tax collection period begins May 1st. The timeframe does not allow our governing body to make an informed decision of tax collection versus expenditures. As a result, we significantly cut our spending to provide a zero dollar increase to our residents since the outbreak of the pandemic. Layoffs of

part-time employees and cutting police radios, police cars, fire department gear and sewer department equipment and has been sacrificed this year amidst the financial crisis that our state, county and township faces as we follow Governor Murphy's Stay-at-Home order.

As we remain at home to spare the lives of our family, friends and neighbors, our local budget faces shortfalls from: the closure of our municipal court and resulting halt in fees it generates; hotel occupancy tax revenue—which generally produces \$250,000 in revenue directly to the municipality not shared with the Board of Education or County; Uniform Fire Prevention inspection decline due to social distancing rules; Little interest being earned on investment as a result of the Federal Reserve lowering interest rates to 0 percent; Anticipated lower-than-usual collection of current year taxes as a result of economic hardships experienced by our residents such as employment or loss of their small businesses; Cancellation of Spring and likely Summer recreation programs, halting fees into our Recreation Trust Fund, which pays for our recreation employees.

Further, we also anticipate an increase in tax appeals from businesses for 2020. The Township already received notice of appeal from its two biggest taxpayers—Connell Office park and Nokia/Bell Labs—and anticipates that many small businesses will follow. Additionally, as a result of our Judgment of Repose, the Township is obligated to move forward with 6 redevelopment projects that have PILOT agreements attached to pay for a \$32,000,000 municipal complex to house our police, senior, library, recreation and administration space. The facilities will be essential for our residents as we move through this pandemic into our new "normal." Delays in redevelopment construction due to supply chain disruptions related to Covid-19 will likely impact future construction fees, which means anticipated revenue to the Township from these projects will not be realized sooner, when it is so desperately needed. Finally, we anticipate the State of New Jersey and County of Union will also face great fiscal challenges and therefore, the Township expects a decrease in grant money available for infrastructure repair such as roads and our sewer infrastructure, which has not been upgraded since constructed.

Additionally, New Jersey municipalities have a legal obligation to pay the Board of Education and the county, even if our portion of taxes cannot be collected. This places a tremendous burden on small towns.

It is crucial that smaller municipalities receive CARES 2 funds to help stabilize our local government and economies. I implore the United States House and Senate to pass legislation that will help small-town America.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER JAMES, ELLIE RODITIS, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS EXERCISE SCIENCE PROGRAM

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize Christopher James, Ellie

Roditis, and the University of Central Arkansas Exercise Science Program for their efforts in creating personal protective equipment for the healthcare workers of Arkansas.

Arkansas Air Force Reservist and full-time student Christopher James alongside his classmates from UCA have constructed and donated 114 medical face masks to healthcare workers at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Christopher and his classmates are expected to complete at least 200 more masks which will be donated to patients and their families within the community.

This initiative reflects the ongoing support for our healthcare workers, and the ability our community has to come together during these times of crisis.

I congratulate Christopher James, Ellie Roditis, and the University of Central Arkansas Exercise Science Program for dedicating their time to ensuring our health care workers and the community are protected.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CHRISTOPHER SCOTT SANDEFER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Christopher Scott Sandefer, who passed away on April 25th at the age of 57. Scott grew up in Lee County, Mississippi, and was a standout athlete at Shannon High School where he graduated in 1980. He then attended the University of Mississippi where he was a member of the ROTC and graduated with a degree in Public Administration.

Scott answered the call to serve our great nation with the Mississippi National Guard and was a Brigade Leader and Company Commander for the 155th Brigade in Tupelo for many years. Scott's life of service also included over 30 years in law enforcement at many agencies and positions. Scott served as a former Captain of the North Mississippi Narcotics Unit, he served with the Tupelo Police Department, the Pontotoc Police Department, and later retired from the Pontotoc County Sheriffs Department where his talents were appreciated and respected by all.

Scott enjoyed spending time in the outdoors where he was an avid hunter and motorcyclist. He was also an avid college sports fan and especially enjoyed cheering on his alma mater the Ole Miss Rebels.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Cristi Lane Jordan Sandefer, his daughter, Shelby Leigh Sandefer, as well as many other close family members and friends. Scott Sandefer's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

RECOGNIZING THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN UTAH

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Assistance League of Southern Utah for its outstanding work in assisting

students in my district. You may ask, why is a Congressman from Arizona recognizing a group from Utah? Well, it just speaks to its generosity and the great impact this organization is having in my district.

This great organization is providing art supplies for 85 sixth-grade students in the communities of Beaver Dam and Colorado City, Arizona. These communities are located in the geographically isolated Arizona Strip, which is north of the Grand Canyon, near the Utah border. For context, to travel to almost any other part of Arizona takes hours because you cannot drive over the Grand Canyon, Madam Speaker.

The intent of this program is to stimulate creativity in these young people and give them activities to keep their minds active once the school day is over. Each student is provided with items such as coloring books, markers, and colored pencils and are given creative license to create whatever they like.

In addition to the art program, the Assistance League also organizes an annual campaign called Operation School Bell. This program provides clothing to disadvantaged students and this year will include a literacy program to greater enrich the minds of these students.

I would sincerely like to thank the Assistance League's President Gail Neumann and Vice President Kay Minor for being willing to serve their neighboring state and their immeasurable impact on the Beaver Dam and Colorado City communities.

RABBI ZOBERMAN'S REFLECTIONS ON PASSOVER

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD, at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, of Temple Lev Tikvah and is a reflection of his views:

"At the heart of the Passover Seder is the haunting probing of 'Ma Nishtana . . . How different is this night from all other nights?' This historical Rabbinic quest is designed to grasp Passover's meaning throughout the generational chain in the context of changing and always challenging times. It is traditionally sung by the youngest attending child, to mitigate the seriousness of the inquiry surrounding the complex poles of enslavement and freedom in the Jewish consciousness as well as human experience. Surely at this beclouded Passover Festival, the plague of the Coronavirus is casting ominous darkness not only on one people as with the punitive Ten Plagues upon Pharaoh's Egypt for freedom's sake and slavery's denouncement. Pharaoh was forewarned time and again to let Moses' people go. Now we face a global attack by a stealthy adversary exposing the entire interdependent human family to the Angel of Death's whims. All that in the midst of a complacent post-modern high technology society. We are tempted by the hubris of false invincibility, plunging us to a debilitating sense of primeval vulnerability, threatening our accustomed and enviable American way of life and its underlying essential democracy.

Ultimately the Passover celebration is a poignant reminder that enslavement in its

destructive variety—physically, spiritually and psychologically—is bound to be overcome by the light of deliverance, replacing virus with virtue, pain with promise and violence with vision.

At this season's Seder table, those who are fortunate to safely conduct it, should diminish from the cup of joyful salvation in addition to the ten drops for the ten plagues upon ancient Egypt for the sin of Hebrew enslavement, one drop for the current heavy human losses and intense suffering. The inspiring Exodus journey from servitude to an oppressor to service of The Most High, became a model of liberation for the human family, culminating in the Messianic vision of a world transformed.

We have chosen to convert the bitter herbs of our exile into the sweet charoset of homecoming for all. It is the symbolic hovering presence at the Seder table of the prophet Elijah for whom we open the door and set aside a special cup of wine, which provides for the eternal flame of universal shalom's healing, hope and harmony. It is the peace we have kept alive as a flickering light in history's darkness.

Passover's promise by a compassionate heritage is ultimately rooted in its revolutionary view of the infinite worth of each of the Creator's children, recalling that God silenced the heavenly angels when jubilant at the drowning of Pharaoh's troops. Passover's soaring spirit of renewal of a people as well as an individual, also applies to the natural order of springtime's reassuring return with the beauty of the Earth's budding and recovery that we are pledged to forever secure."

CONGRATULATING BRYAN CAVES FOR HIS WIN AT CLASS 1A STATE FINALS FOR WRESTLING AT THE IHSA STATE TOURNAMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bryan Caves, a junior from Riverdale High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament in the 220 pound weight class.

Bryan was the aggressor and rode on top for most of the six-minute match. After coming in underweight, he had to rely on his conditioning and training to win the match. In the end, Bryan won the state title by a 4-2 decision. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Bryan displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Bryan is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic, and I am proud to see him represent Port Byron so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Bryan Caves that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Bryan Caves on his Class 1A State Finals title in Wrestling.

IN HONOR OF DR. JOE ALLEN
MANN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bid farewell to my dear friend, Dr. Joe Allen Mann who passed away on February 21st. Joe demonstrated what it meant to be an American, through his actions and his words. He galvanized many Republican fellows in the Commonwealth and reminded them that they had a voice too. He valued both his family and community, and for that I rise to honor his life and achievements.

Joe was born in the tiny, bustling city of Ronceverte, West Virginia in 1941. He later graduated from West Virginia University, and later obtained his doctorate in chemistry from Georgia Tech. As a scientist, Dr. Mann began his career at Dow Badische, working his way from an entry-level employee to a manager in just a few years. Joe then advanced to Corporate Director for Research and Development for Burlington Industries, where he met his wife, Carol Mann. Joe's ambition, however, compelled him to start a business, beginning with The Mann Group, then earned enough capital to start Mann Industries in Williamsburg, VA.

Joe had a knack for resilience and persevered through the ebbs and flows of his life. After years in his industry, Joe decided to get involved in politics where he knew he could do the greatest amount of good. He was a member of the Colonial Republican Men's Association where he championed conservative thought and revitalized the conservative community. Also, he served as a trustee at the Leadership Historic Triangle, where he could directly impact his community. Joe is survived by his wife, Carol, and two daughters, Mary and Susan. I offer my prayers and condolences that his family overcomes their grief and celebrates the great life that Joe lived.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Joe Mann and applauding his contributions to the Commonwealth and our Nation. His sacrifices, hardships, and devotion to others are worthy of reverence. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

RECOGNIZING TERESA WEST

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (Central Arkansas VA) nurse Teresa West for recently being awarded the VA Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing.

The VA Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing program was established in 1984 and is given only once to an individual.

Teresa is the nurse manager for the VISN 16 Clinical Resource Hub, which combines in-person care and telehealth to support underserved medical facilities.

Her work is crucial in allowing rural veterans to get the care they need, when they need it, regardless of location.

Teresa's long list of accomplishments include implementing the Virtual Medical Room program at the Central Arkansas VA and training primary care teams at five other VA Healthcare Network facilities on telehealth.

Teresa is a champion for the veterans community throughout Arkansas and the country, and I am proud to recognize her commitment to better serve our Nation's heroes.

HONORING THE WAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the men and women of the Waukee Fire Department in Waukee, Iowa as this week's Iowans of the Week.

The firefighters and paramedics of the Waukee Fire Department are an integral part of the Waukee community, and their dedication to protecting the health and safety of those they serve is nothing short of exemplary. That dedication is just as evident in the Waukee Fire Department's community engagement efforts. They're a frequent face visiting local schools, leading fire station tours, and hosting engaging, educational children's birthday parties at the fire station. I am grateful that our children have these hardworking men and women to look up to as role models.

Right now, Iowa's police, fire, and emergency services personnel are continuing to provide essential services in their communities as Iowans stay home during the coronavirus outbreak. I know that this adjustment can make folks feel apart from their neighbors, especially in close-knit communities like Waukee.

But that's not stopping the Waukee Fire Department. Thanks to the creativity and imagination of Lieutenant Tony Clemen, the department is finding a new way to get out in the community. They're bringing the birthday party—the fire truck, lights and all—to the children; they even play "Happy Birthday" over the truck's loudspeaker. Needless to say, the idea's been a hit with kids and parents alike.

And now the community is joining in. On one recent visit, the Waukee Fire Department met up with locals before making a birthday visit. Together, they formed a birthday procession over twenty cars long, honking and waving to neighborhood kids along the way. I'm so glad that Iowans are coming together to spread much-needed joy and smiles as we work to slow the spread of coronavirus together.

Our firefighters across Iowa are responding to emergency calls across our great state. I know many of our firefighters don't have the protective equipment they need, like face masks, to protect themselves during this COVID-19 outbreak. As our firefighters work to protect our communities, I will work to protect our firefighters and ensure they can get the essential equipment, protecting, training, and assistance they need.

The men and women of the Waukee Fire Department are truly making a difference in their community, especially during these chal-

lenging times. I could not be more thankful for their hard work and service, and I ask the House to join me in recognizing them as Iowans of the Week.

RECOGNIZING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON THE TOWN OF CLINTON, NEW JERSEY

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the devastating impact the coronavirus pandemic continues to have on the Town of Clinton, New Jersey and many local governments throughout my district and the country. The coronavirus has decimated local revenues and increased costs and only Congress can provide a lifeline to small towns through direct and flexible funding.

As a mayor of a small town in NJ I am not only worried about my current year's revenue loss but also the implication of that lost revenue on my 2021 budget. We cannot anticipate in a future year more revenue that we actually brought in. What we do anticipate is probably a 15–20 percent reduction in miscellaneous revenue (which is approximately one quarter of my total revenue)—this would include our court fees, permitting, Energy Tax Receipts, hotel/motel occupancy fees as well as UCC fees. What does this mean? Services may have to be cut back or eliminated that residents count on, we would not furlough employees because this is not a savings for a small town like ours—we are a "pay as you go" unemployment. Any employees we lay off we would still be responsible for the two-thirds of the salary.

What communities like Clinton need to have is the ability to replace the lost revenue in the line items so that we do not see a longer term impact with future budget years.

I know that I am not alone in my concerns and other mayors are struggling to manage—we work with slim margins and any reduction creates havoc with municipal budgets and tough decisions that impact our residents.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CARY CHARLES CHILDS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Cary Charles Childs, who passed away on April 18th at the age of 54. Throughout his life, Cary had a deep passion for the cattle and farming industry and he was the owner and operator of Childs Angus and Hereford and AgriServices.

He was involved with state and national 4-H Livestock Programs where he inspired countless youth over many years. Cary also served as the President of the Tippah County Fair Association for nearly 20 years, he served on the Mississippi Angus Association Board for over two-decades, and he also served on

the Mississippi Hereford Association Board for many years. Cary had a passion for Mississippi State Athletics; however his greatest passion was for his family.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Mary Childs, his parents: Charles and Gara; his brother: Roger; his son Bob Glover; and his grandchildren: Snow, Graham, and Pierce Glover as well as many other close family members and friends. Cary Childs life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

AMERICA'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP DURING COVID-19

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, at the outset, I thank my colleagues, Chairman AMI BERA and Ranking Member TED YOHO, for their critical work on this pressing issue.

American leadership is fundamental to the peace and security of the international order. It's the conduit through which the world can partake in the fruits of international cooperation and is particularly critical to the cause of global health—a cause in which America has always led from the front.

From 2018 through 2019, the United States provided the World Health Organization (WHO) with over \$890 million, with \$656 million coming in the form of voluntary contributions. Since launching PEPFAR in 2003, the United States has devoted more than \$90 billion towards mitigating the effects of the HIV epidemic. In Fiscal Year 2019, the U.S. dedicated approximately \$11 billion towards global health initiatives. We're the best financier and promoter of international health efforts in the world—from government agencies to non-governmental organizations, our People give hope to billions. Progress in international health, however, will remain somewhat stunted unless we accept a brutal truth: despite America's best efforts, the constant and malicious false narratives peddled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) are the world's greatest impediment to international cooperation and better health results.

The COVID-19 pandemic has once again demonstrated that the CCP is not worthy or capable of our trust—a fact we've known for decades. Since 1949, China has lied to the world and regularly placed the supremacy of the state above any other consideration. Following the 1989 Tiananmen Square Massacre, the CCP portrayed the pro-Democracy protests as a Western plot to discredit China; by crushing these peaceful protests, the government claims it was able to pave the way for a prosperous 21st Century. Official death estimates from the protests vary widely; China has never offered reliable data on this subject—but it remains likely that several thousands of young students and their allies were killed following a brutal military crackdown.

In 2000, the CCP immediately labeled Falun Gong—a Chinese spiritual movement—as a "heretical cult," and had many of the group's followers imprisoned. A 2019 report conducted by the China Tribunal—a panel created by the International Coalition to End Transplant

Abuse in China (ET AC)—indicates that “prisoners of conscience,” especially Falun Gong practitioners, were usually targeted for organ harvesting. In 2006, a tour guide told visiting European Parliament Vice President, Edward McMillan-Scott, that he’d seen the cadaver of his friend—a Falun Gong practitioner—with numerous stitches across his body. That tour guide received five years in prison for speaking with Mr. McMillan-Scott. To this day, the Chinese government denies harvesting the organs of Falun Gong practitioners, yet reports indicate that the number of Falun Gong practitioners who are victims of organ harvesting is in, at least, the thousands, if not the hundreds of thousands.

The way the Chinese treated, and continue to treat the Falun Gong runs contrary to standards laid out by the WHO; incredibly, the WHO refuses to acknowledge the reality of China’s organ harvesting campaign.

According to the Council on Foreign Relations, between 800,000 and 2,000,000 Uighurs and ethnic Kazaks have been imprisoned in Chinese “re-education camps” since April 2017. In these camps, the CCP has condoned the practice of forced abortions and sterilization procedures on imprisoned women. Many cases of sexual abuse emanate from these institutions as well. Prisoners are placed under constant surveillance and have been forced to renounce their religious and political convictions.

In 2003, the People’s Republic of China waited three months before notifying its own people, as well as the World Health Organization, about the SARS outbreak. This pattern of late notice was repeated again last year, when the CCP hid knowledge of a new coronavirus. By December 31, both the WHO and Chinese authorities were alerted by Taiwanese officials that this virus could be spread by human-to-human transmission; but Beijing didn’t tell its own citizens anything until January 20. In the interim, China began a wholesale purge of any whistleblowers; arresting Dr. Li Wenliang and eight other doctors. Earlier this month, Dr. Ai Fei, the Director of Emergency Services at Wuhan Central Hospital and a former colleague to Dr. Li, disappeared. Untold numbers of doctors, reporters, lawyers, and other civil activists have been reported missing for defying the government’s draconian restrictions on information sharing.

Silencing whistleblowers and ignoring Taiwan weren’t the only sins the Communist Party of China committed during the pandemic. On December 31, the CCP began censoring social media, and launched a campaign to find those who’d criticized the government’s response to the virus. Shortly afterwards, both the Hubei Provincial Health Commission and the National Health Commission ordered gene sequencing companies and institutions to destroy testing samples; all in the hopes of preventing the spread of new information regarding the virus. On January 5, the Wuhan Municipal Health Commissions stopped issuing daily updates about the virus for almost two weeks; on January 6, the CCP declined a U.S. CDC offer of assistance. From January 8–9, CCP health officials stated that there was no evidence of human-to-human transmission of the virus; and it also finally announced the COVID–19 outbreak in public.

On January 12, the CCP provided the WHO with the virus’ genomic information. On January 14, the WHO stated that there was no evi-

dence to suggest that the virus could be spread by human-to-human transmission. This raises many flags—given the fact that the WHO had access to the virus’ genomic information, and it’s troubling that an international institution would so quickly provide this kind of sweeping statement without a thorough analysis of the data.

Given the fact that the threat of COVID–19 was significantly downplayed by CCP’s health authorities, nearly 5 million people were able to leave Wuhan, China before the government imposed a quarantine on January 21. On January 22, the WHO stated that, while there was evidence of human-to-human transmission, more work was needed to determine the extent of the transmission. The very next day, WHO Director, General Tedros, voted against declaring the outbreak of the SARs–CoV–2 virus as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, justifying his vote by saying there was no evidence of human-to-human transmission outside of China.

On January 27, the Mayor of Wuhan admitted that strict regulations imposed by the Beijing government prevented him from saying much about the new virus. On January 29, the WHO praised China’s reaction to the coronavirus pandemic, while also declaring a Public Health Emergency of International Concern the very next day. President Trump wisely closed off U.S. travel to Chinese visitors on January 31.

Well over a month passed before China allowed a restricted visit to the WHO; yet that institution continued to parrot the CCP line. Numerous other infractions colored China’s response to the coronavirus—from threatening criminal charges against those using social media to spread information regarding COVID–19, to blaming the United States Army for the outbreak.

This Congress should demand that China be held accountable for its gross negligence and cover-up during the current crisis. My hope is that everything we’ve discussed today demonstrates that this is more than just a one-off botching; lies and obfuscation form an essential part of the Chinese government methodology. China has given us every reason to believe that it’ll never be a good faith partner, and so our future efforts must include taking targeted actions to mitigate its influence.

Many actions need to be taken; the first of which has already been done. I applaud President Trump and his Administration for committing to withhold all future funding to the WHO until extensive organizational change is made. The mind-boggling irresponsibility of the WHO during this pandemic just proves that it’s powerfully influenced and irreparably compromised by the machinations of the CCP. The second step is for the U.S. to strongly advocate for the inclusion of Taiwan in the WHO. Our Nation has withstood some of the greatest challenges in human history, and we’ll rise to this one. Time is of the essence, though. The CCP is presently the greatest enemy to both global health and the United States, and our policies must reflect that.

Despite this sobering reality, we dare to hope for a better future for ourselves and for the Chinese people—the first victims of their government’s oppressive regime. With full acknowledgement of the imposing task in front of us, we’ll once again demonstrate to the world why the cause of freedom and peace is in good hands.

RECOGNIZING ARKANSAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR POST-PEAK RESPONSE

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and partnership of Arkansas medical professionals and state agencies in their efforts to combat the spread of COVID–19 and prepare to rebuild.

Governor Asa Hutchinson recently announced the formation of the Governor’s Medical Advisory Committee for Post-Peak COVID–19 Response.

Focusing on public health strategy after Arkansas reaches the peak of its COVID–19 cases, this committee is tasked to examine testing capabilities and social distancing protocols and make necessary recommendations to avoid a resurgence of cases.

This work is critical to ensuring the health and safety of all Arkansans while continuing to pave the way for the opening of our state.

On behalf of all Arkansans, I thank Governor Hutchinson, the members serving on this important committee, and all of the medical professionals and health care workers on the frontlines battling COVID–19.

RECOGNIZING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON THE TOWN OF DOVER, NEW JERSEY

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the devastating impact the coronavirus pandemic continues to have on the Town of Dover, New Jersey and many local governments throughout my district and the country. The coronavirus has decimated local revenues and increased costs and only Congress can provide a lifeline to small towns through direct and flexible funding.

Due to COVID–19 the Town of Dover has been forced to take unprecedented measures to educate the community on the virus and CDC guidelines to ensure the residents understand and practice social distancing and other protocols. These measures have forced the Town to have a higher number of expenses that were not included in the budget, therefore, the Town has to suspend a number of services and activities for the residents. Furthermore, the number of unemployed residents has increased which has created a very high demand for basic essentials like food, personal hygiene items, baby food and diapers. The Town was forced to suspend all parking enforcement, permits, and sports activities which all have negatively impacted revenues. The Town was not able to hire additional firemen during this very difficult time, which puts the existing personnel at higher risk. We desperately need financial support to help ensure that our community is able to bounce back from this health and economic pandemic.

CONGRATULATING NOLAN THRONE
FOR HIS WIN AT CLASS 1A
STATE FINALS FOR WRESTLING
AT THE IHSA STATE TOUR-
NAMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nolan Throne, a senior from Rockridge High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament in the 145 pound weight class.

Nolan was in a scoreless bout until the third period, where he took down his opponent and secured a victory. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Nolan displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Nolan is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic, and I am proud to see him represent Taylor Ridge so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Nolan Throne that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Nolan Throne on his Class 1A State Finals title in Wrestling.

THE 72ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE
STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a statement from Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, founder and spiritual leader of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach, and the representative of the Jewish Community at the City of Chesapeake's civic occasions.

As the State of Israel celebrates its 72nd anniversary in its eighth decade, we miss the prophetic voice and heroic presence of Amos Oz (1939–2018), one of Israel's premier authors whose books were translated into forty-four languages. His life mirrored the history of the reborn Jewish state out of the monumental Holocaust that consumed a third of the Jewish people. He was the very embodiment of an inspiring Israel and its acknowledged representative to the world, with foreign leaders seeking his perspective on events involving Israel. He fought in both the 1967 and 1973 wars.

Oz was honored with significant international literary awards, though the Nobel Prize somehow eluded him while being a perennial nominee. He served as Professor of Hebrew Literature at Ben-Gurion University in Be'er-Sheva though he was courted by Jerusalem's Hebrew University from which he graduated. Oz was a great humanist and a distinguished member of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism. He was born in Jerusalem during the British Mandate to Fania and Dr. Arye Klausner, a gifted linguist of sixteen languages. They immigrated to then-Palestine from Eastern Europe. Oz's great-uncle was Professor Yosef Klausner, the Hebrew University's renowned scholar of the Second Temple period.

Following Fania's suicide at age thirty-eight, Oz opted at age fifteen to leave his Jerusalem home by himself and move to Kibbutz Hulda where he changed his surname Klausner to the Hebrew Oz which connotes courage. It befitted the kibbutz's pioneering Labor ideology and its break with the European experience to which his parents were attached, particularly its culture. It was a turning point for Oz who was raised on Zeev Jabotinsky's Revisionist ideology of manifest Jewish power. He consequently began identifying with the "new Jew" finding fulfillment in returning to till the ancient homeland, in contrast to the perceived Diaspora Jew represented in his own family.

There is an intriguing early religious chapter in the author's life attending an Orthodox elementary school while his family was secular and even anti-religious. He was exposed to working class students who regarded him as an outsider, a rejection he later experienced in the kibbutz. His second-grade teacher, who deeply impacted him, was the famous poetess Zelda, whom Oz described as his first love.

In his book, *A Tale of Love and Darkness*, Oz recalled the dramatic vote at the United Nations on November 29, 1947 to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states, which the Arabs refused to accept. His father, Arye, was moved to tears lying next to him in bed telling Amos that he would never be exposed to anti-Semitic attacks the way he and Grandpa Alexander were in Poland with their pants forcibly removed by hooligan students at his high school. Oz witnessed the unforgettable night of the critical vote with his neighborhood gathering to listen to the one available radio. His family's small apartment was home to about twenty people during the 1948 War in Jerusalem, all enduring hardship with some losing dear ones.

Oz, an iconic Israeli figure, was a peace activist and a ardent supporter of a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, regarding it as vital to Israel's best interests politically as well as ethically, no less than "a matter of life and death for the State of Israel" that must retain a Jewish and democratic identity. He feared for Israel's future internally as well as externally, regarding Judaism's genius in its Biblical prophets' humanistic ideals and moral sensitivity towards society's weak and disenfranchised. Oz advocated the curbing of the establishment's raw power "to cause pain." He was gravely concerned for the growing conflict between those advocating for strict Orthodox Jewish law (Halacha) and the great majority opting to preserve democracy.

He lauded secular Israel's significant and multiple accomplishments in revitalizing the Hebrew language and culture, establishing a flourishing modern Jewish state recognized as the world's start-up nation with such humble beginnings and acute security concerns. Oz's sharp arrows were aimed not only at the political Right but also at Israel's Socialist founders for failing to acknowledge the full tapestry of the Jewish heritage, with patronizing treatment of the Mizrahi and Sephardic Jews who had a moderate approach toward religion and diversity. He bemoaned the worldwide rise of dangerous fanaticism of Islamic fundamentalism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, white supremacy, racism, and xenophobia.

Amos Oz, the secular prophet of pain and promise, doom and deliverance, concludes his last book, *Dear Zealots*, with whom he sought dialogue, on a stirring message of both searing pessimism and consoling optimism, "I am extremely fearful for the future . . . But I like being Israeli. I like being a citizen of a country where there are eight and a half million prime ministers, eight and a half million prophets, eight and a half mil-

lion messiahs. Each of us has our own personal formula for redemption, or at least for a solution . . . What I have seen here in my lifetime is far less, yet also far more, than what my parents and their parents ever dreamed of."

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman is founder and spiritual leader of Temple Lev Tikvah (Heart of Hope) in Virginia Beach. It meets at The Church of the Holy Apostles, the only world's community of both Episcopalians and Roman Catholic. He was born in Chu, Kazakhstan (USSR) in 1945 to Polish Holocaust survivors. He and his family lived among Jewish refugees in Poland, Austria and Germany, prior to moving to Israel in 1949. He is a member of the Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission.

HONORING LIEUTENANT CAMERON
McCORD

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lieutenant Cameron McCord for his faithful service to our country as an esteemed member of the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs in the U.S. House of Representatives. In this capacity, Lieutenant McCord facilitated interaction between the Department of the Navy and Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. These engagements included, but were not limited to, formal responses to congressional inquiries, counsel to Members and staff, and execution of congressional and staff delegations. These interactions were pivotal in providing Members and staff a greater understanding of the issues facing our Navy and its sailors.

I am particularly proud to note that Lieutenant McCord planned and executed CODEL Panetta to the U.S. Africa Command area of responsibility to examine aspects of U.S. Special Operations Force and partner nation operations in North and West Africa. He coordinated and facilitated movement across six countries and three continents for seven individuals. I am forever grateful for his leadership, persistence, and support of CODEL Panetta.

Lieutenant McCord's distinguished career began after commissioning in the U.S. Navy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His first assignment was in Charleston, SC, where he entered the Nuclear Power School and Nuclear Power Training Unit. After completing the Submarine Officer Basic Course in Groton, CT, McCord reported to the USS *Helena* (SSN 725) in 2015, where he served as the Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistant, Information Technology Officer, Antiterrorism Officer, and the Assistant Weapons Officer. McCord stood both Junior Officer of the Deck and Officer of the Deck on a dynamic EUCOM deployment from 2016 to 2017, completing multiple missions vital to national security.

McCord holds a Navy Commendation Medal, two Navy Achievement Medals, and has served on a team onboard USS *Helena* that has earned two Navy "E" Ribbons, amongst other personal and unit awards.

Madam Speaker, I commend and thank Lieutenant Cameron McCord on his service to

the United States of America, the House of Representatives, and my office. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing him today.

HONORING LONG-TERM AND
SKILLED NURSING EMPLOYEES
AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, our elder Americans are among the highest risk for COVID-19. During this outbreak, our seniors need the continued support from their communities.

That is why I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the dedicated employees of Iowa's 444 long-term and skilled nursing facilities as they face new and unforeseen challenges in providing care for their patients and residents.

Social distancing is not an option for these health care workers. Every day, these essential workers show up at work, receive their screenings at the door, and suit up in their protective equipment—often homemade—so they can continue to serve and provide the same level of care for their residents—our parents, grandparents, our family, friends, and beloved community leaders. They show up despite the lack of personal protective equipment and show great ingenuity as they find new ways to protect their patients and themselves.

Daily, they are working to protect our most vulnerable Iowans.

Employees at skilled nursing facilities have very difficult jobs. They carry the responsibility of caring for our loved ones as they face the uncertain challenges of aging. They bathe, dress, feed, engage—and love—their residents to keep them happy and healthy. Administrators and their assistants balance tight budgets and shuffle schedules to accommodate severe staffing shortages. Chefs and cooks create menus with quality meals to accommodate many dietary restrictions and daily needs to ensure our seniors are leading healthy lives. All these difficult tasks are only compounded by the stress of added protective measures and coping with the anxieties that come as a result of the crisis we now find ourselves in.

I am grateful for the strength and resiliency that our workers in long-term and skilled nursing facilities have shown during this crisis. While we are not able to visit our loved ones in these facilities, we can rest assured they are continuing to receive quality attention and care during this time. So today, I'm asking my colleagues here in the House to join me in honoring the remarkable employees who are keeping our long-term and skilled nursing facilities in Iowa up and running in the face of unprecedented challenges.

RECOGNIZING ARYAN ARORA FOR HIS WIN IN IMPROMPTU SPEAKING AT THE IHSA INDIVIDUAL EVENTS STATE TOURNAMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aryan Arora for his win in Impromptu Speaking at the IHSA Individual Events State Tournament. Aryan is the seventh state speech champion from Rockford Public Schools and the first since 1963.

Aryan is a senior at Auburn High School in Rockford, Illinois. Students at the state tournament had just eight minutes to prepare content on a given topic and then deliver a meaningful, organized and impactful speech. Aryan is a member of the Rockford Public Schools Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, Auburn High School's Debate Club, and the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois' In Youth We Trust Council. He was also named a commended student by the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. I commend Aryan for his hard work and dedication to public speaking and to both his school and community.

It is because of student leaders such as Aryan that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Aryan Arora on his win in Impromptu Speaking at the IHSA Individual Events State Tournament.